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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 16 with the following replacement paragraph:

A staging network 330 includes a database database server 332, a database staging LAN 334, servers 336, a staging LAN 337, such as the Rendezvous (RV) made by Tibco, and dealer gateways and distribution servers 338. The database staging LAN 334 communicates with the general management LAN 312, while the dealer gateways and distribution servers 338 communicate with the internal distribution LAN 324.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 21 with the following replacement paragraph:

An arrangement for external connectivity 340 is also provided, which communicates with the production network 309 via the internal distribution LAN 324. The internal distribution LAN 324 and general management LAN 312 communicate via deal gateways and distribution gateways 322, and RV LAN 318, servers 316, and a database LAN 314. The external connectivity 340 includes equipment for communicating with the deals and investors. The IXNet network 341 in the external connectivity section 340 indicates an example of a private network used to communicate with the dealers. The Internet 240 communicates with the investors 230, and receiver reference date source information.